

REMARKS

The Office Action in the above-identified application has been carefully considered and this amendment has been presented to place this application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 143–148 are in the present application. It is submitted that these claims, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. The new claims, as presented herein, are not submitted for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these claims are submitted simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled. Claims 1–142 are canceled.

Claims 138–141 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have canceled the rejected claims and added new claims 143–148 which correct the issues cited by the Examiner. Accordingly, this objection is now moot.

Claims 92, 93, and 134–142 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Klingler et al. (U.S. Patent 5,404,316). The present invention “automatically updat[es] said clip management data and link information for each of said plurality of clips in accordance with the modified edit processing” (Claims 143 and 146) This automatic updating of the information defining the resultant clip is described on pages 97, 112–113, and 116 in reference to Figures 26 and 29. In this manner, when the user changes (or modifies) one or more clips used in producing a resultant clip, the present invention uses the link information to branch through the tree

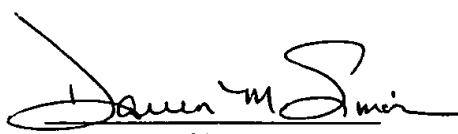
structure of the resultant clip and automatically updates all effected clips. While Klingler does disclose an apparent hierarchical structure in Figure 2, it does not discuss automatically updating information throughout the hierarchy when a clip is modified. This means the user must manually step through the editing processing again after each modification in order to regenerate the resultant clip. Accordingly, for at least this reason, Klingler fails to anticipate the present invention and claims 143–148 should be allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application as now presented is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

An extension of time fee is deemed to be required for the filing of this amendment. No additional fees are anticipated, but if such are required, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,
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